GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DRAFTING OF NATIONAL REHABILITATION POLICY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised the new Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy ;

(b) if so, the key elements thereof and if not the time by which it is likely to be finalised ;

(c) whether the new R and R Policy has special provisions for Scheduled Castes,Scheduled Tribes and displaced farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY ORURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b) The draft Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy is being examined by a Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted by the Cabinet Secretariat to finalize the drafts of Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, 2007 and associated legislative measures in cases relating to land acquisition, for consideration of the Cabinet.

(c)&(d) In the draft R & R Policy, provisions have been made for rehabilitation and resettlement of persons affected by land acquisition and involuntarily displaced for any reasons, and special care has been taken for protecting the rights of,and ensuring affirmative State action for weaker segments of society, especially members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and to create obligations on the State for their treatment with concern and sensitivity.